



Kawohikūkapulani

^C He lei 'āī 'oe na ke kupuna
^{C7} A he milimili 'oe na ka makua
^{G7} Pūlama 'ia 'oe me ke aloha
^{G7} Hi'ipoi 'ia 'oe ma ku'u poli

You are an adornment for the grandparents
 And a darling for your parents
 Cherished with love
 You are cradled on my bosom

^C He lei aloha 'oe, ua kaulana
^{C7} I paukū 'ia me ka 'āhihi
^{G7} Ho'ohihi nō wau, na'u 'oe
^{G7} 'O ko'u kuleana pa'a nō ia

You are a beloved lei, renowned
 Linked with the dainty 'āhihi lehua
 I too am involved, for you are mine
 This is my right, permanently

^C Ha'ina 'ia mai ana ka puana
^{C7} Ku'u lei nani 'oe poina 'ole
^{G7} Hea aku mākou, e o mai 'oe
^{G7} 'O Kawohikūkapulani, he inoa

The story is told
 You are my beautiful child, unforgettable
 We call, you answer
 Kawohikūkapulani, a name song for you

Helen Desha Beamer wrote this enduring musical gift of love from parent to child for her daughter on her wedding day. 1941. Translation by Mahi'ai Beamer.